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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Faruk Hamza

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 May 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 May 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to the application filed on May 12, 2002. Claims 1-12 are now pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Levy (U.S. Patent Number 6,556,997).

4. Levy has disclosed:

- <Claim 1>

A method for sending a web page to a remote facsimile (fax) machine to be printed comprising:

providing a first computer capable of accessing a web page; (Fig. 1, 11; Column 3, lines 66-67; Column 4, lines 1-13)

providing a fax machine identified by a fax number capable of receiving fax signals; (Fig. 1, 13; Column 3, lines 66-67; Column 4, lines 1-13)

providing a transmission means connecting the fax machine to the first computer; (Fig. 1, 13; Column 3, lines 66-67; Column 4, lines 1-13)

converting the web page into a fax signal; (Column 5, lines 20-30)

transmitting the fax signal from the first computer to the fax machine identified by the fax number through the transmission means; and (Column 5, lines 8-10; lines 20-30)

receiving the fax signal at the fax machine. (Column 5, lines 20-33)

- <Claim 2>

The method of claim 1 further comprising using the fax machine to print the fax signal immediately upon receiving the fax signal. (Column 7, lines 34-37)

- <Claim 3>

The method of claim 1 further comprising storing the fax signal in a buffer of the fax machine. (Inherent feature of a fax machine)

- <Claim 4>

The method of claim 1 wherein the web page is converted into the fax signal by using the first computer. (Column 5, lines 20-28)

- <Claim 5>

The method of claim 1 wherein the first computer has a user interface, the method further comprising using the user interface to control conversion of the web page into the fax signal and sending of the fax signal to the fax machine. (Column 3, lines 66-67; Column 4, lines 1-13)

- <Claim 6>

The method of claim 1 further comprising transmitting the fax signal to the fax machine again if a previous transmission of the fax signal to the fax machine fails. (Column 5, lines 30-33)

- <Claim 7>

The method of claim 1 wherein the fax signal is a bitmap image. (Column 5, lines 20-28)

- <Claim 8>

The method of claim 1 further comprising storing the fax signal in a temporary file in the first computer. (Fig. 7; Column 5, lines 30-33)

- <Claim 9>

The method of claim 1 wherein the web page is downloaded to the first computer from Internet. (Column 4, lines 1-8)

- <Claim 10>

The method of claim 1 further comprising:

providing a second computer connected to the first computer through a computer network; and (Fig. 1, 11 and 12)

using the second computer to convert another web page into another fax signal and sending the fax signal to the fax machine through the first computer. (Column 4, lines 42-54)

- <Claim 11>

The method of claim 10 wherein the computer network is Internet. (Fig. 1, 14)

- <Claim 12>

The method of claim 10 wherein the second computer has a user interface, the method further comprising using the user interface to control conversion of the web page into the fax signal and sending of the fax signal to the fax machine. (Column 4, lines 42-54).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure.

- Pecht (U.S. Patent Number 6,690,777) discloses Method and system for remotely generated facsimile printouts of web page content.
- Kumer et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,240,445) discloses method for receiving facsimile messages using shared telephone number.
- Berstis (U.S. Patent Number 6,718,015) discloses remote web page reader.
- Choksi et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,477,243) discloses method for automated facsimile message confirmation.
- Sato et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,230,189) discloses method for a http server capable of connecting facsimile apparatus and data terminals

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Faruk Hamza whose telephone number is 571-272-7969. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain Alam can be reached at 571-272-3978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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